

Palm Sunday, Mar 28 – Small Group Leader’s Guide - Read John 12:12-26

1. What are some of our personal and church-cultural expectations regarding how Jesus' lordship and messiahship should look like in our lives or in the world?

Answers will vary. There are many causes in which we personally or the church worldwide would be invested. The question seeks to uncover those causes which can easily become idols of our hearts and the Church. This is an invitation to be self-reflective and to be observant and critical of the Church, which is continually to repent of idolatry and to be changed by God's power and mercy.

2. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey, a lowly animal of peace and docility. How could we emulate Jesus in His manner of peace and meekness as demonstrated in His royal procession as the King of the cosmos?

The question invites us to share some basic and creative ways to demonstrate personal humility and an attitude of promoting peace, harmony, and understanding in our relationships. If anything, humble orthodoxy is the aim of our Christian conduct: humility to listen and understand and orthodox to affirm and uphold true and right doctrine in right living.

3. Greek proselytes asked Jesus' disciples for an audience with Jesus. Today, for what reasons would the world be asking Christians to get an audience with Jesus, an opportunity to "see Jesus"?

The question is thought-provoking to probe how we may perceive from non-Christians what would appeal to them about the Christian faith.

4. According to Jesus, His lordship and messiahship would be like the dying of a seed to bear much fruit. How can we follow Jesus in this way of dying to ourselves for the bearing of fruit in our neighbourhoods and city?

The question is applicational. Answers will vary. Invite others to share how we can deny ourselves for the rights of others, giving things up for the good of others, sacrificing for the supply and satisfaction of others.